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In re application of: Poon)
Serial No: 09/842,744) Art Unit
Filed: 4/25/2001) 2851
For: A CHAMBER ASSEMBLY FOR AN)
EXPOSURE APPARATUS)
Examiner: Brown, Khaled)
Attorney Docket: PA0253-US/11269.32)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

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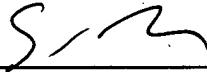
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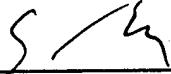
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CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 45-135 are patentable for the reasons set forth above, and that the application is now in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 858-456-1951 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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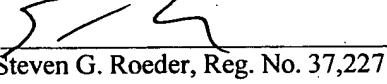
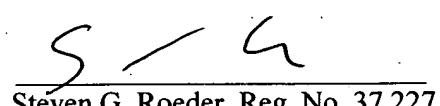
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Invention: A CHAMBER ASSEMBLY FOR AN EXPOSURE APPARATUS						
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INDEP. CLAIMS	12	MINUS	4	8	\$84	\$672
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$1928
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement, Transmittal, and the Cited Reference. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$1928 which includes \$410 for the extension of time is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1141, pertaining to 1) any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims; 2) any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional extension of time required for the timely submission of this paper, the fees for which have not been previously paid, is hereby petitioned for and requested.						
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